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AG Bruning: Unused Prescription Drugs to be Collected for Disposal on Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

LINCOLN – Attorney General Jon Bruning and the Nebraska State Patrol today announced seven collection sites for the Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day to be held Saturday, April 28, 2012. The state agencies have partnered with the DEA to coordinate collection sites across Nebraska to offer a safe, secure way to dispose of any unused or expired prescription medication.

“Recent statistics show an alarming epidemic of prescription drug abuse, especially in older teens where overdose deaths more than tripled since 2000,” said Bruning. “One way to keep kids safe from experimenting with these potentially life-threatening drugs is to remove them from your home and dispose of them safely.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than half of the nation’s poisoning death victims between the ages of 15 to 19-years-old overdosed on prescription drugs. It is estimated that every day more than 2,500 teenagers use prescription drugs to get high for the first time, suggesting prescription drugs are replacing marijuana as gateway drugs.

The Nationwide Take-Back campaign serves the dual purpose of creating awareness of prescription drug misuse and abuse and providing the public an opportunity to surrender their unused, unwanted, or expired pharmaceuticals to law enforcement for proper disposal.

This is the third take-back event coordinated by the Attorney General’s Office. The past two events resulted in the collection and safe disposal of more than 1,300 pounds of medication across the state.

The following locations will host collection sites from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 28:

Lincoln

Neighborhood Pharmacy
6811 O St.

Fremont

Fremont Area Medical Center
450 East 23rd Street

Lexington

Lexington Regional Health Center
1201 North Erie

Columbus

Columbus Community Hospital
4600 38th St.

Grand Island

St. Francis Medical Center
2620 West Faidley

York

York General Hospital
2222 N. Lincoln Ave

West Point

St. Francis Memorial Hospital
430 N Monitor St.

For more information on collection site locations, visit www.nationaltakebackday.com, www.dea.gov
or www.ago.ne.gov.

For more statistics on prescription drug abuse, visit www.cdc.gov.